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Witness: ADM Greenert
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EA-18G

Question: Admiral Greenert, why should Congress add any money for a requirement before the studies are complete and the JROC has approved a new requirement?

Answer: The JROC has validated the Navy's current Airborne Electronic Attack (AEA) force structure. The addition of 22 EA-18Gs will be used to augment existing Navy squadrons in the execution of the joint AEA missions allowing carrier squadrons to deploy with seven aircraft vice their current complement of five aircraft per squadron. The additional aircraft will support AEA capability in a carrier air wing and reduce risk in a Joint major contingency operation environment, including future complex electromagnetic anti-access/area denial environments.